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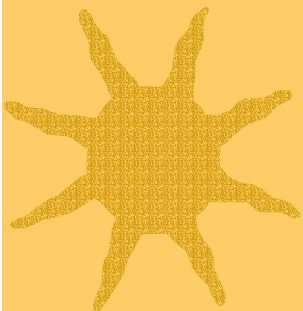
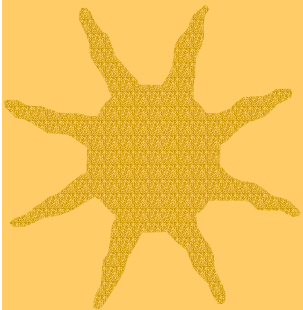
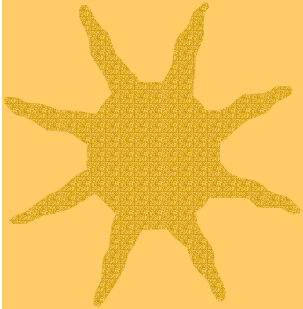
An Overview of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)

March 2, 2005



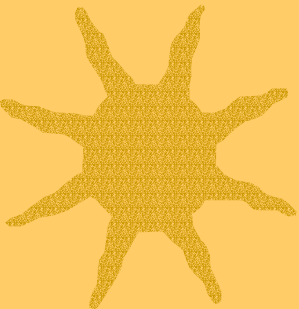
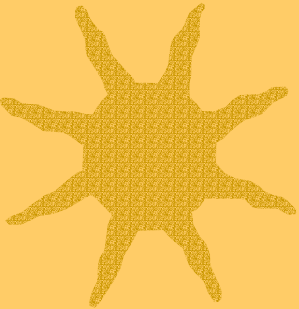
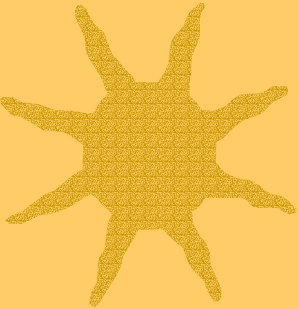
Overview

- What you need to know about FACA
- EDMVAC overview





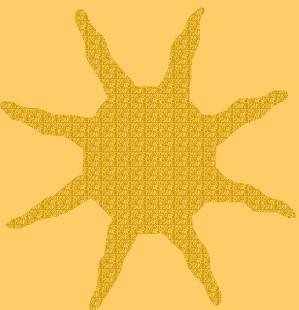
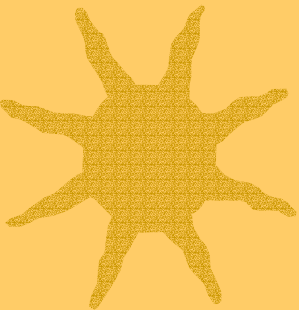
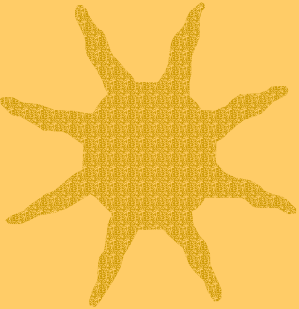
Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972



- Why ?
- What is a Federal Advisory Committee?
- Goals



Openness and Transparency



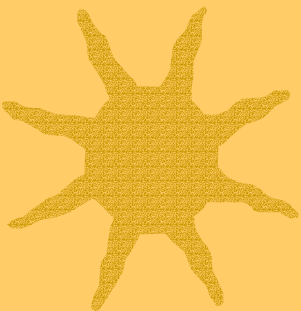
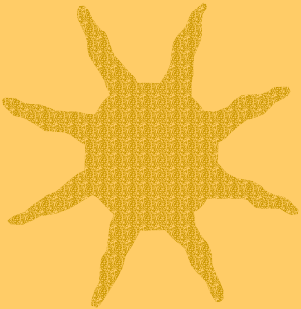
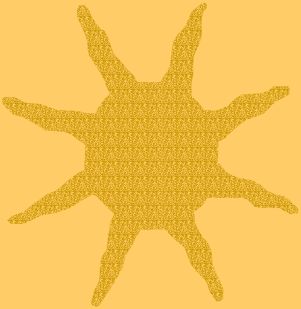
- Meetings open to the public, with limited exceptions
- Meeting notices and agendas published in the Federal Register
- Detailed minutes kept and made available to the public



Balance

FACA s 5.2

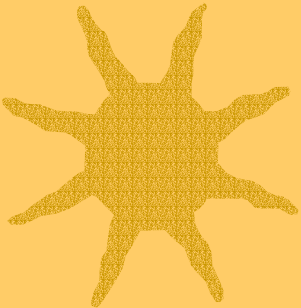
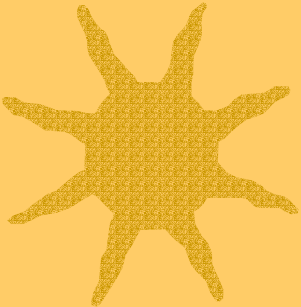
“require[s] the membership for the advisory committee to be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the advisory committee.”





Limits

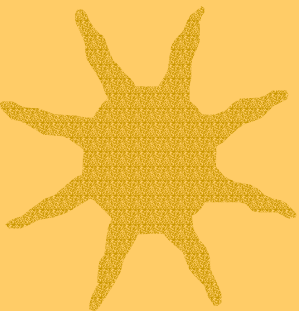
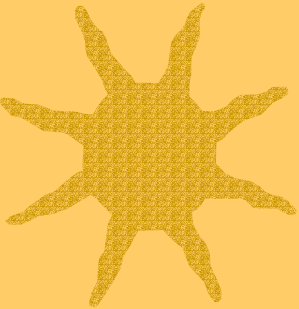
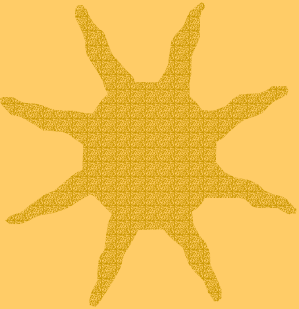
- Committees provide advice and recommendations
- Decisionmaking and implementation authority remains with the Federal government





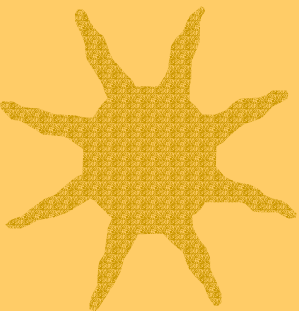
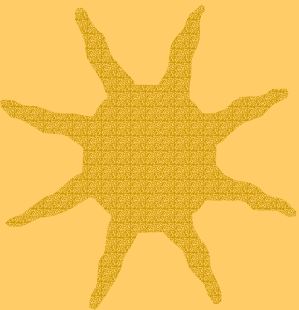
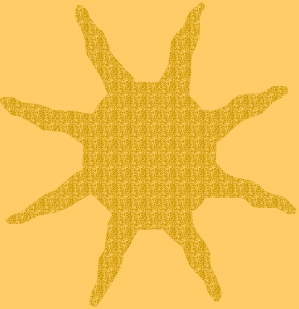
Democracy at Work

- 900 to 1000 committees in existence at any one time
- Over 40,000 committee and subcommittee members
- Approximately 5,800 meetings held/year
- Nearly 1,000 reports issued/year





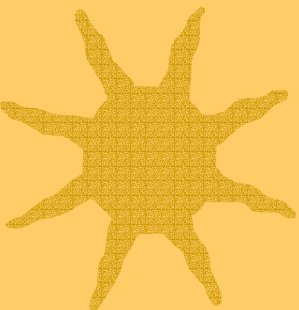
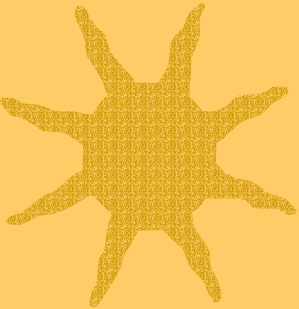
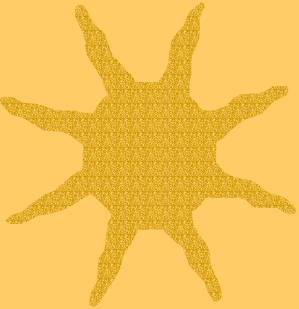
EPA Federal Advisory Committees



- EDMVAC is one of 25 Committees
- Approx. 34 Subcommittees
- Each Sub/Committee has a Designated Federal Official to ensure compliance with the FACA
- All meeting information is maintained in public dockets (www.epa.gov/edocket/)



Evolution of EDMVAC

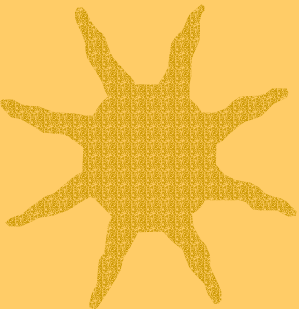
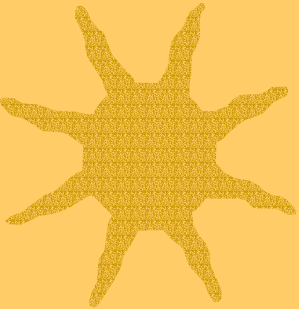
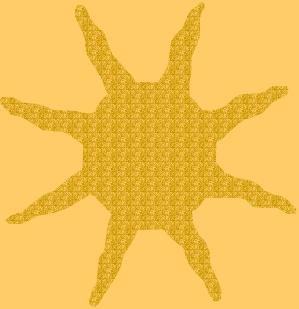


- Began as Agency Task Force Spring 1999
- Organizational meeting of a FACA April 2001
- EDMVS established Oct 2001 under NACEPT, has nine meetings
- NACEPT Recommends Committee Status May 2003
- EDMVAC chartered May 2004
- Nominations and selection June – December 2004
- Selection Criteria (representative membership)
 - relevant scientific expertise
 - mammalian, *in vitro*, ecological
 - balanced representation
- First meeting of EDMVAC April 2005



EDMVAC Mission

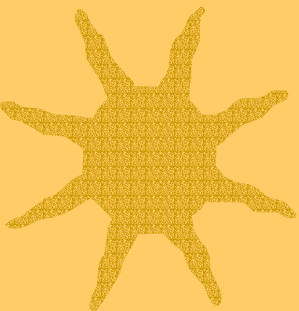
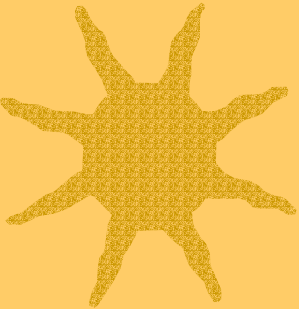
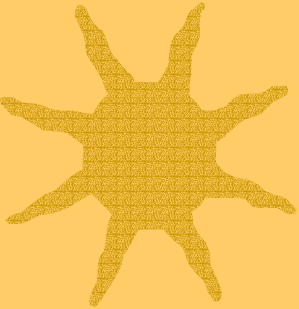
...to provide advice and counsel to the EPA on scientific issues associated with the conduct of studies necessary for validation of Tier I and Tier 2 assays for the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP).

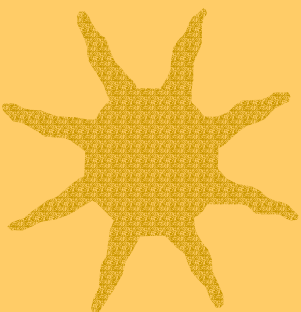
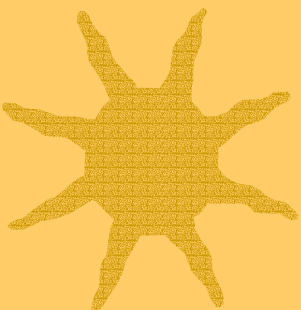
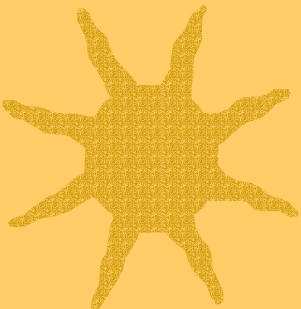




Finding Your Way

- Committee Charge
- Committee Chair and Co-Chair
- Designated Federal Officer
- www.epa.gov/scipoly/oscpendo





Welcome to the EDMVAC !